

Senate Joint Resolution 1 - Introduced

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1
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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution
2 of the State of Iowa relating to the composition of the
3 militia of this state.
4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of
2 the State of Iowa is proposed:

3 1. Section 1 of Article VI of the Constitution of the State
4 of Iowa, as amended by amendment number 5 of the Amendments of
5 1868, is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

6 **Composition — training.** SECTION 1. The militia of this
7 state shall be composed of all able-bodied citizens eighteen
8 years of age and older, except such as are or may hereafter be
9 exempted by the laws of the United States, or of this state;
10 and shall be armed, equipped, and trained, as the general
11 assembly may provide by law.

12 Sec. 2. REFERRAL AND PUBLICATION. The foregoing proposed
13 amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa is referred
14 to the general assembly to be chosen at the next general
15 election for members of the general assembly, and the secretary
16 of state is directed to cause the proposed amendment to be
17 published for three consecutive months previous to the date of
18 that election as provided by law.

19 EXPLANATION

20 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the
21 Constitution of the State of Iowa relating to the composition
22 of the militia of this state. The amendment provides that the
23 militia of this state shall be composed of all able-bodied
24 citizens 18 years of age and older who are not exempt by the
25 laws of the United States or of this state. The Constitution
26 of the State of Iowa currently provides that the militia of
27 this state shall be composed of all able-bodied male citizens
28 between the age of 18 and 45 years who are not exempt by the
29 laws of the United States or of this state.

30 The resolution, if adopted, would be published and then
31 referred to the next general assembly (86th) for adoption,
32 before being submitted to the electorate for ratification.